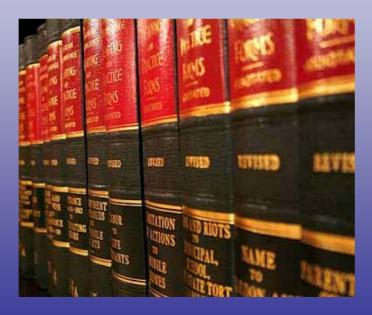
Part 4
Standards for
Protection
Against Radiation



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## **Topics**

- Regulated activities
- Exposure
- Protection of the public
- Signs





## **Topics**

- Waste disposal
- Package handling
- Recordkeeping
- Incident reporting
- Vacating installations



## Regulated Activities

- Registrants and licensees
  - Receive, possess, use, transfer or dispose sources of radiation
- except
  - Background radiation, patient exposure, or voluntary participants in medical research programs

- Dose Limits
  - -5 rem TEDE or 50 rem DDE + CDE organ or tissue (other than eye)
  - -15 rem lens of eye
  - -50 rem skin or extremity





- External
  - Monitoring Devices
    - Placement on the portion of the whole body receiving the highest dose
    - If an apron is worn, placement at collar

- Internal
  - Measurements
    - Concentrations of airborne materials
    - Bioassays of radionuclides
  - -Calculations
    - Require complex analysis
    - Tools available on-line (MIRD)

- Medical fluoroscopists
  - Special and interventional fluoroscopic procedures
  - Pre-approval required of written request for use of weighting factors
  - Must be accompanied by ALARA procedures
  - Dose determination 28-35-212c(2)



- Weighting factor considerations
  - Only for low energy fluoroscopy, not nuclear medicine
  - Differentiation schemes for proposed dose from fluoroscopy and other occupational doses
    - Two sets of badges



- Respiratory Protection
  - Engineering Controls
  - Other Controls
    - Access
    - Time
    - Respiratory protection equipment
      - -NIOSH/MSHA certification
      - Application for authorized use

- TEDE-ALARA
  - Considerations of dose with respirator vs without respirator
  - -May be ALARA to not wear respirator
  - Must be a known environment



#### **Respiratory Protection Program**

- Air sampling
- Surveys and bioassays
- Respirator testing
- Procedures
- Physician fitness determination
- Notification of intent 30 days



#### Protection of the Public

#### Dose cannot exceed

- 100 millirem in one year TEDE
- 2 millirem in any one hour in any unrestricted area

#### Surveys

- Unrestricted areas
- Controlled areas
- Effluents released into unrestricted and controlled areas
- Medical release criteria in Part 6

#### Historical Footnote



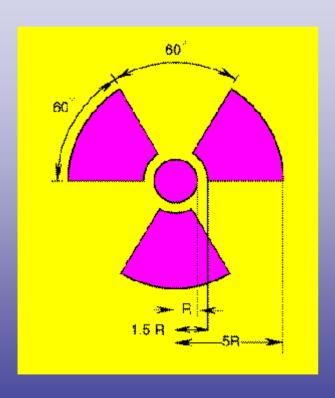
- Civil defense is for safety
- Radiation symbol is a warning





# Radiation Area Signage

Protective Requirements







# Radiation Area Signage

#### Threshold for signage



- Radiation area
  - •5 millirem in one hour at 30 cm
- High radiation area
  - •100 millirem in one hour at 30 cm
  - Healing arts X-ray not included
- Very high radiation area
  - •500 rad in one hour at one meter

# Package Handling

#### **Package Handling**

- Monitor
  - Within 3 hours of receipt
  - Check limits with regulatory tables
  - Contact KDHE and carrier immediately if indicated by monitoring levels





# Package Handling

 Procedures must be maintained for safely opening packages in which radioactive material is received





- Transfer to an authorized recipient
- Disposal into sanitary sewage systems
  - Soluble or dispersible in water at all conditions
  - Calculated not to exceed regulatory limits
  - Biofluids excreted from patients undergoing medical treatment are excluded from these limits
- Public dose limits
- Decay in storage, must be on license

- Prohibited methods
  - No burial in soil

- No incineration

- Waste classification
  - Class A waste least rigorous
  - Class B waste
  - Class C waste
  - Waste that is not generally acceptable for near-surface disposal

- Waste packaging
  - Most restrictive of site or state requirements
  - Not packed in cardboard or fiberboard
  - Liquids must have absorbent of 2x volume
  - Solid wastes must not have 1% by volume of liquid

- Waste packaging
  - Not detonatable, explosive or water reactive
  - Not pyrophoric
  - Not over 1.5 atm for gasses
  - Total activity not greater than 100 curies per container
  - Biohazard waste shall be treated to reduce associated biohazards

- Records that must be kept until termination of license or registration
  - Provisions of the program
  - Surveys to determine dose
  - Respiratory protection surveys, bioassay and sampling
  - Radioactive effluent release measurements and calculations





- Records that must be kept until termination of license or registration
  - Prior occupational dose
  - Planned special exposures
  - Individual monitoring results
  - Dose to members of the public
  - Waste disposal



- Records that must be kept three years from creation of record
  - Audits
  - Area surveys
  - High radiation area entry control test results



- Records that must be kept five years from the creation of the record
  - Sealed source leak test results
- Other requirements per specific Part



- Form of records
  - Must be legible
  - May be authenticated copies of original
  - May be electronic media
  - Safeguards against tampering and loss





- Report theft or loss of sources of radiation
  - Immediately by phone, telegraph, e-mail, or facsimile
    - Stolen, lost or missing licensed or registered material exceeding limits in regulations 28-35-228a
      - 1000 times quantity in Appendix C
    - Stolen, lost or missing radiation machine
  - Written report within 30 days

- Report theft or loss of sources of radiation
  - In writing within 30 days if
    - Quantity still missing is greater than 10 times
       Appendix C
- Report any substantive additional information on the theft or loss of source
  - In writing within 30 days

- What to include in the report
  - Detailed description of what was lost
  - Circumstances
  - Disposition or probable disposition
  - Exposures
  - Actions taken and proposed to recover
  - Procedures to prevent recurrence

- What to include in the report
  - Separate and detachable portion
    - Names of individuals who could have received exposure





- Notification of Incidents Immediate
   Conditions exist that have or may cause
  - 25 rem TEDE or 75 rem eye dose
  - 250 rad shallow dose to skin or extremities
  - 24 hour exposure of 5 times ALI
  - Loss of one week of operations
  - Damage to property in excess of \$200,000



- Notification of Incidents 24 hour
   Conditions exist that have or may cause
  - 5 rem TEDE or 15 rem eye dose
  - 50 rem shallow dose to skin or extremities
  - 24 hour exposure of 1 time ALI
  - Loss of one day of operations
  - Damage to property in excess of \$2,000



## Vacating Installations

- 30 days notice
- Decommissioning timeliness
- Financial assurance





# Summary

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Find the regulations on the KDHE web site

http://www.kdheks.gov/radiation/regs.html

Questions about the Regulations?

Contact Bureau of Air and Radiation at 785-296-1560